

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

APRIL VENTURA-SERAFIN,

Defendant.

8:16CR103

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on defendant April Ventura-Serafin's ("Ventura-Serafin") pro se motion for compassionate release (Filing No. 76) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A). In pertinent part, that statute permits her to move the Court to "reduce [her] term of imprisonment" for "extraordinary and compelling reasons" thirty days after the warden of the facility where Ventura-Serafin resides receives a request to file such a motion on her behalf. *Id.* § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i); *see also United States v. Raia*, 954 F.3d 594, 595 (3d Cir. 2020). Upon initial review of Ventura-Serafin's motion, the Court finds she has potentially raised a colorable claim under § 3582(c)(1)(A), and that appointment of counsel would help the Court determine whether relief is warranted under that section. Accordingly,

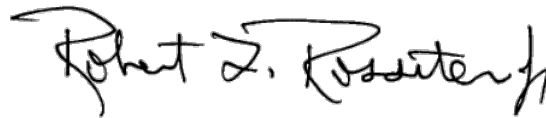
IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Federal Public Defender for the District of Nebraska is appointed to represent Ventura-Serafin for the limited purpose of determining whether there are extraordinary and compelling reasons to reduce her term of imprisonment.
2. In the event the Federal Public Defender should decline this appointment because of a conflict of interest or on the basis of the Amended Criminal Justice Act Plan, the Federal Public Defender shall provide the Court with a draft appointment order (CJA Form 20) bearing the name and other identifying information of the CJA Panel attorney identified in accordance with the Amended Criminal Justice Act Plan for this district.

3. If upon review the Federal Public Defender should conclude that Ventura-Serafin's motion is frivolous, the Federal Public Defender may move to withdraw as counsel.
4. The U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office is directed to conduct an investigation of Ventura-Serafin's compassionate release request and promptly file under seal a report on that investigation.
5. The probation office is authorized to disclose Presentence Investigation Reports to the Federal Public Defender and the United States Attorney for the purpose of evaluating the motion. Ventura-Serafin's counsel shall provide the Presentence Investigation Report to any subsequently appointed or retained counsel. In accordance with the policy of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, no Presentence Investigation Report shall be provided to inmates.
6. The government and Ventura-Serafin's counsel shall each file within ten days of the probation office filing its investigation report a brief addressing Ventura-Serafin's request for sentencing relief and provide any evidence necessary to the Court's disposition of her motion. Absent an extension, the motion shall be deemed fully briefed and submitted as of that date.

Dated this 13th day of April 2021.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.
United States District Judge